

REMARKS

Claims 34 to 40 were pending in the application at the time of examination. The Examiner rejected Claims 34 to 40 as anticipated by the Ramakrishnan reference (EPN 0 617 361 A2).

Applicant has cancelled Claims 34 to 40, without prejudice. Applicant has added new Claims 41 to 55. Consequently, Claims 41 to 55 remain in the Application.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS 34 TO 40

Applicant has cancelled Claims 34 to 40, without prejudice. As discussed below, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of Claims 34 to 40 is now moot.

NEW CLAIMS 41 TO 55

Applicant's Attorney spoke with Examiner Rayyan on October 31, 2006. As discussed, the present Application and Application 10/805,571 are both divisional Applications of Application 09/650,370, now issued. Originally, Application 10/805,571 was filed with a preliminary amendment canceling all claims except Claims 1 to 15 of the parent Application. Consequently, as far as Applicant was concerned, Claims 1 to 15 were presented for examination in Application 10/805,571. However, in addition, an IDS was submitted with Application 10/805,571 that included the preliminary amendment for the present Application.

Applicant's Attorney believes the preliminary amendments were confused. However, whatever the mechanism, Claims 34 to 40 were examined, and allowed, in Application 10/805,571. Consequently, from Applicant's perspective, the present Application is directed to allowed claims.

In an attempt to rectify the above situation, while maintaining Application continuity and the Application filing chain, Applicant has cancelled Claims 34 to 40 in the present

Application and has added new Claims 41 to 55 which are actually renumbered Claims 1 to 15 from the parent case.

Since new Claims 41 to 55 are renumbered Claims 1 to 15 from the original Application, and the Specification is virtually identical, Applicant respectfully submits no new matter is being added. However, Applicant does recognize that the new claim set may raise new issues and require a new search.


**CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner enter new claims 41 to 55 and continue prosecution based on Claims 41 to 55.

If the Examiner has any questions relating to the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicant.

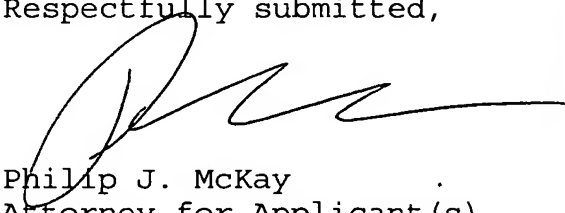
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